

(1) ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE COST-EFFICIENT, 24-HOUR, DUAL PARTY RELAY SERVICE TO PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS AT A COMPARABLE LEVEL OF ACCESS AND QUALITY THAT A STANDARD TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE PROVIDES TO A PERSON WITHOUT A HEARING OR SPEECH DISABILITY;

(2) (2) DEVELOP THE PROGRAM IN COLLABORATION WITH STATE PROGRAMS CURRENTLY SERVING DISABLED INDIVIDUALS AND WITH COMMUNITY AGENCIES OR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE ESTABLISHED RELAY PROGRAMS; AND

(2) (3) MAINTAIN AN INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF THE RELAY SERVICE.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD MAY:

(1) CONTRACT WITH A PRIVATE VENDOR OR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICE REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION ~~(A)(2)~~ (A)(3) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(2) PROVIDE APPROPRIATE STAFF ASSISTANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST THE BOARD IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTIES UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

~~3A-506,~~ 3A-505.

THE DEPARTMENT IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE.

~~3A-507,~~ 3A-506.

(A) THE PROGRAMS UNDER ~~§ 3A-503~~ § 3A-504(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE AND 3A-602(A) OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE FUNDED AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(B) THERE IS A UNIVERSAL SERVICE TRUST FUND CREATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF MAINTAINING AND OPERATING THE PROGRAM UNDER ~~§ 3A-503~~ § 3A-504(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS AND CONTROLS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, AND THE PROGRAM UNDER § 3A-602(A) OF THIS TITLE SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS AND CONTROLS PROVIDED IN SUBTITLE 6 OF THIS TITLE. MONEYS IN THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE TRUST FUND SHALL BE HELD IN THE STATE TREASURY.